

Heather Halsey

Executive Director

Commission on State Mandates



Professional Experience

Ms. Halsey was appointed to serve as Executive Director of the Commission on State Mandates in March, 2012.

Professional Organizations

Prior to becoming director, she served as senior staff counsel at the Commission. Her state service also includes working as principal committee consultant at the Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials, and working for Governor Gray Davis, Office of Planning and Research, as deputy special counsel to the Legal Affairs Secretary, legislative analyst, policy advisor, and director of environmental justice programs. Ms. Halsey also has experience representing local agencies, having served as deputy general counsel and special counsel to cities and special districts as an associate at Hatch & Parent, a Law Corporation.

Education

Ms. Halsey earned a Juris Doctorate degree from University of California, Hastings College of Law, a Bachelor's of Arts degree, with cum laude and college honors, in English Literature/American Studies from University of California, Los Angeles, and an Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Studies from Santa Barbara City College.